EXHIBIT A

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January 12, 2017

Via E-File
Laura Hinojosa, District Clerk
100 N. Closner
P.O. Box 87
Edinburg, Texas 78539

RE: NEW FILING: Manuel Vega and Sylvia Vega v. Liberty Insurance Corporation

Dear District Clerk:

By this letter, we kindly ask that you file the enclosed petition with request for a jury, and that you please prepare one citation and serve it by certified mail RRR for the following defendant:

a. Defendant Liberty Insurance Corporation is an Illinois Corporation engaging in the business of insurance in the State of Texas. The defendant may be served with process by serving its registered agent for the State of Texas: Corporation Service Company, 211 East 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 956-792-6286. Thank you.

Warmest Regards,

/s/ Michael A. Lawrence

LARRY W. LAWRENCE, JR. MICHAEL A. LAWRENCE

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CIVIL CASE INFORMATION SHEET

CAUSE NUMBER (FOR CLERK USE ONLY): ___

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STYLED MANUEL VEGA AND SYLVIA VEGA V. LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

(e.g., John Smith v. All American Insurance Co; In re Mary Ann Jones; In the Matter of the Estate of George Jackson)

A civil case information sheet must be completed and submitted when an original petition or application is filed to initiate a new civil, family law, probate, or mental health case or when a post-judgment petition for modification or motion for enforcement is filed in a family law case. The information should be the best available at the time of filing.

1. Contact information for person completing case information sheet:			Names of parties in case:			Person	or entity completing sheet is:
Name: Michael A. Lawrence	Email: lawrencefirm@gmail.c		Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s): Manuel Vega and Sylvia Vega ——		ia	Pro Se	ey for Plaintiff/Petitioner Plaintiff/Petitioner V-D Agency
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City/State/Zip: Austin, Texas 78703	Fax: 800-507-4152		Defendant(s)/Respondent(s): Liberty Insurance			Non-Cust Presumed	codial Parent:
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Less than \$100,000, including damages of any kind, penalties, costs, expenses, pre-judgment interest, and attorney fees

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SYLVIA VEGA	§	
Plaintiffs	§	
	§	
VS.	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
LIBERTY INSURANCE	§	
CORPORATION	§	
Defendant	§	HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFFS' ORIGINAL PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW, MANUEL VEGA AND SYLVIA VEGA, complaining of LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION, and for cause of action would show:

I. DISCOVERY

1. This is a level III discovery case as defined by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

II. PARTIES

- 2. Plaintiffs are residents of Hidalgo County, Texas.
- 3. Defendant Liberty Insurance Corporation is an Illinois Corporation engaging in the business of insurance in the State of Texas. The defendant may be served with process by serving its registered agent for the State of Texas: Corporation Service Company, 211 East 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

III. JURISDICTION & VENUE

4. The subject matter in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this court. The court has jurisdiction over Defendant Liberty Insurance Corporation (hereinafter "Liberty") because it is engaging in the business of insurance in the State of Texas. Venue is proper in this county because the insured property is situated in Hidalgo County, Texas. <u>Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 15.032</u>.

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IV. FACTS

- 5. Plaintiffs are the owners of the Texas Homeowner's Insurance Policy (hereinafter referred to as "the Policy"), which was issued by Liberty.
- 6. Plaintiffs own the insured property, located at 214 N Cesar Chavez Road, Edinburg, Texas 78542 (hereinafter referred to as "the Property").
 - 7. Liberty sold the Policy insuring the property to Plaintiffs.
- 8. On or about March 26, 2015, Plaintiffs sustained extensive physical damage to the insured Property. During the late afternoon and evening hours of March 26, 2015, a strong supercell thunderstorm moved through the Edinburg, Texas area producing heavy rains, and damaging wind and hail.
- 9. Plaintiffs submitted claims to the Defendant against the policy for damages to the Property as a result of the March 26, 2015 storm. Plaintiffs requested that the Defendant cover the costs of these repairs pursuant to the policy they entered into with the Defendant.
- 10. The Plaintiffs reported the damage to the covered Property to the Defendant Liberty. The Defendant wrongfully denied Plaintiffs' claim for full repairs to the Property, even though the Policy they have with the Defendant provided coverage for losses such as the losses suffered by the Plaintiffs. Additionally, the Defendant under-scoped damages during its inspections, investigations, and payment and made representation that the policy the Plaintiffs have with Defendant specifically excluded some repairs.
- 11. As of the date of this filing, the Defendant continues to delay in the payment for the damages to the property. As a result, Plaintiffs have not been paid the full value of the damages suffered to their home.
 - 12. Defendant Liberty failed to perform its contractual duties to adequately compensate

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Plaintiffs under the terms of the policy. In spite of a demand for proceeds to be paid out in an amount sufficient to cover the damaged property, Defendant Liberty has categorically refused to pay the full proceeds available under the policy. Additionally, all conditions precedent to recovery upon the Policy have been carried out by the Plaintiffs. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a breach of the insurance contract between Plaintiffs and Defendant.

- 13. Defendant Liberty has misrepresented to Plaintiffs there was no damage to areas of the home that were damaged, and that all damage covered under the Policy has been accounted for, even though it has not been paid in full. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(1).
- 14. Defendant Liberty's failed to make an attempt to settle Plaintiffs' claim in a fair manner, although it was aware of its liability to Plaintiffs under the Policy. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(2)(A).
- 15. Defendant Liberty's failed to adequately explain to Plaintiffs the reasons for its offer of an inadequate settlement. Specifically, Defendant Liberty failed to offer Plaintiffs adequate compensation, and misrepresented its explanation for why full payment was not being made. Furthermore, Defendant Liberty did not communicate that any future settlements or payments would be forthcoming to pay for the entire losses covered under the Policy, nor did it provide any explanation for the failure to adequately settle Plaintiffs' claim. Defendant Liberty's conduct is a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(3).
- 16. Defendant Liberty's refused to fully compensate Plaintiffs, under the terms of the Policy, even though Defendant Liberty failed to conduct a reasonable investigation. Specifically,

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Defendant Liberty performed an outcome-oriented investigation of Plaintiffs' claim, which

resulted in a biased, unfair, and inequitable evaluation of Plaintiffs' losses on the Property.

Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair

Settlement Practices. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(7).

17. Defendant Liberty failed to accept or deny Plaintiffs' full and entire claim within the

statutorily mandated time of receiving all necessary information. Defendant Liberty's conduct

constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims. Tex Ins. Code

§542.056.

18. Defendant Liberty failed to meet its obligations under the Texas Insurance Code

regarding payment of claim without delay. Specifically, it has delayed full payment of Plaintiffs'

claim longer than allowed and, to date, Plaintiff has not received full payment for their claim.

Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a violation of the Texas Insurance Code, Prompt

Payment of Claims. Tex. Ins. Code §542.058.

19. Since the date Plaintiffs presented their claim to Defendant Liberty, the liability of

Defendant Liberty to pay the full claim in accordance with the terms of the Policy was

reasonably clear. However, Defendant Liberty has refused to pay Plaintiffs in full, despite there

being no basis whatsoever on which a reasonable insurance company would have relied to deny

the full payment. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a breach of the common law duty of

good faith and fair dealing.

20. Defendant Liberty knowingly or recklessly made false representations, as described

above, as to material facts and/or knowingly concealed all or some material information from

Plaintiffs.

21. As a result of Defendant Liberty's wrongful acts and omissions, Plaintiffs were

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forced to retain the professional services of the attorney and law firm who are representing them with respect to these causes of action.

V. CAUSES OF ACTION

Causes of Action Against Defendant Liberty

22. Defendant Liberty is liable to Plaintiff for intentional breach of contract, as well as intentional violations of the Texas Insurance Code and intentional breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing.

Breach of Contract

- 23. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a breach of the insurance contract made between Defendant Liberty and Plaintiffs.
- 24. Defendant Liberty's failure and/or refusal, as described above, to pay adequate compensation as it is obligated to do under the terms of the Policy in question, and under the laws of the State of Texas, constitutes a breach of Defendant Liberty's insurance contract with Plaintiffs.

Noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code: Unfair Settlement Practices

- 25. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes multiple violations of the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a). All violations under this article are made actionable by Tex. Ins. Code §5411.151.
- 26. Defendant Farmer's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of misrepresenting to Plaintiffs material facts relating to the coverage at issue, constitutes an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(1).
 - 27. Defendant Liberty's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing to

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attempt in good faith to effectuate a prompt, fair, and equitable settlement of the claim, even

though Defendant Liberty's liability under the Policy was reasonably clear, constitutes an unfair

method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance.

Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(2)(A).

28. Defendant Liberty's unfair settlement practice, as described above, of failing to

promptly provide Plaintiffs with a reasonable explanation of the basis in the Policy, in relation to

the facts or applicable law, for its offer of a compromise settlement of the claim, constitutes an

unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of

insurance. Tex. Ins. Code §541.060(a)(3).

Noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code: The Prompt Payment of Claims

29. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes multiple violations of the Texas Insurance

Code, Prompt Payment of Claims. All violations made under this article are made actionable by

Tex. Ins. Code §542.060.

30. Defendant Liberty's delay of the payment of Plaintiffs' claim following its receipt of

all items, statements, and forms reasonably requested and required, longer than the amount of

time provided for, as described above, constitutes a non-prompt payment of the claim. Tex. Ins.

Code §542.058.

Breach of the Duty of Good Faith and Fair Dealing

31. Defendant Liberty's conduct constitutes a breach of the common law duty of good

faith and fair dealing owed to insured in insurance contracts.

32. Defendant Liberty's failure, as described above, to adequately and reasonably

investigate and evaluate Plaintiff's claim, although, at that time, Defendant Liberty knew or

should have known by the exercise of reasonable diligence that its liability was reasonably clear,

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constitutes a breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

Fraud

- 33. Defendant Liberty is liable to Plaintiffs for common law fraud.
- 34. Each and every one of the representations, as described above, concerned material facts for the reason that absent such representations, Plaintiffs would not have acted as they did, and which Defendant Liberty knew were false or made recklessly without any knowledge of their truth as a positive assertion.
- 35. The statements were made with the intention that they should be acted upon by Plaintiffs, who in turn acted in reliance upon the statements, thereby causing Plaintiffs to suffer injury and constituting common law fraud.

Knowledge

36. Each of the acts described above, together and singularly, was done "knowingly," as that term is used in the Texas Insurance Code, and was a producing cause of Plaintiffs' damages described herein.

VI. DAMAGES

- 37. Plaintiffs would show that all of the aforementioned acts, taken together or singularly, constitute the producing causes of the damages sustained by Plaintiffs.
- 38. As previously mentioned, the damages caused by this storm have not been properly addressed or repaired in the months and now years since the storm, causing further damages to the Property, and causing undue hardship and burden to Plaintiffs. These damages are a direct result of Defendant Liberty's mishandling of Plaintiffs' claim in violation of the laws set forth above.
 - 39. For breach of contract, Plaintiffs are entitled to regain the benefit of their bargain,

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which is the amount of their claim, together with attorney's fees.

40. For noncompliance with the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices, Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages, which include the loss of the benefits that should have

been paid pursuant to the policy, mental anguish, court costs, and attorney's fees. For knowing

conduct of the acts described above, Plaintiffs ask for three times their actual damages. Tex. Ins.

Code §541.152.

41. For noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims, Plaintiffs

are entitled to the amount of their claim, as well as eighteen (18) percent interest per annum on

the amount of such claim as damages, together with attorney's fees. Tex. Ins. Code §542.060.

42. For breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs are

entitled to compensatory damages, including all forms of loss resulting from the insurer's breach

of duty, such as additional costs, economic hardship, losses due to nonpayment of the amount the

insurer owed, exemplary damages, and damages for emotional distress.

43. For fraud, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover actual damages and exemplary damages

for knowingly fraudulent and malicious representations, along with attorney's fees, interest, and

court costs.

44. For the prosecution and collection of this claim, Plaintiffs have been compelled to

engage the services of the attorney whose name is subscribed to this pleading. Therefore,

Plaintiffs are entitled to recover a sum for the reasonable and necessary services of Plaintiffs'

attorney in the preparation and trial of this action, including any appeals to the Court of Appeals

and/or the Supreme Court of Texas.

45. For noncompliance with the Texas Insurance Code, Unfair Settlement Practices,

Plaintiffs are entitled to actual damages, which include their past and future medical expenses,

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that should have been paid pursuant to the policy, mental anguish, pain and suffering, court

costs, and attorney's fees. For knowing conduct of the acts described above, Plaintiffs ask for

three times their actual damages. Tex. Ins. Code §541.152.

46. For noncompliance with Texas Insurance Code, Prompt Payment of Claims, Plaintiffs

are entitled to the amount of their claim, as well as eighteen (18) percent interest per annum on

the amount of such claim as damages, together with attorney's fees. Tex. Ins. Code §542.060.

47. For breach of the common law duty of good faith and fair dealing, Plaintiffs are

entitled to compensatory damages, including all forms of loss resulting from the insurer's breach

of duty, such as additional costs, economic hardship, losses due to nonpayment of the amount the

insurer owed, exemplary damages, and damages for emotional distress.

48. As required by Rule 47(b), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states

that the damages sought are in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of this Court. As

required by Rule 47(c), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff's counsel states that Plaintiff

seeks monetary relief, the maximum of which is not more than \$75,000.00. The amount of

monetary relief actually awarded, however, will ultimately be determined by a jury. Plaintiff

also seeks pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest legal rate.

VII. WRITTEN DISCOVERY

Requests for Disclosure

49. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, plaintiff requests that defendants disclose,

within 50 days of the service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

Plaintiff's 1st Requests for Production to Defendant Liberty

50. Please produce a copy of your entire claims file, including memos, emails, estimates,

records, a complete copy of the policy, letters, evaluations, etc. If you make claim of privilege

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for any documents requested in this request for production, then pursuant to TRCP 193.3(b), consider this Plaintiff's request that you identify the information and material withheld and the specific privilege asserted by producing a privilege log of each document withheld.

- 51. Please produce all non-privileged emails and other forms of communication between Liberty, its agents, adjusters, employees, or representatives and the adjuster, and/or their agents, adjusters, representatives or employees relating to, mentioning, concerning or evidencing the Plaintiff's property which is the subject of this suit.
- 52. Produce any complete file (excluding all privileged portions) in Liberty's possession for the Plaintiff/insured and/or for the Plaintiff's property as listed in Plaintiff's Original Petition, relating to or arising out of any claim for damages which Liberty opened a claim under any policy. Please produce a privilege log for any portions withheld on a claim of privilege.
- 53. Produce the complete claim or adjusting file for Plaintiff's property. Please produce a privilege log for any portions withheld on a claim of privilege.
- 54. Produce all emails and other forms of communication between Liberty and and/or their agents, adjusters, representatives or employees relating to, mentioning, concerning or evidencing the Plaintiff's property which is the subject of this suit. This includes any correspondence or communications related to the Plaintiff's property, whether related to this claim or any other claim in Liberty's possession. Please produce a privilege log for any items withheld on a claim of privilege.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs pray that upon trial hereof, said
Plaintiffs have and recover such sums as would reasonably and justly compensate them in
accordance with the rules of law and procedure, as to actual damages, treble damages under the

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Texas Insurance Code, and all punitive and exemplary damages as may be found. In addition, Plaintiffs request the award of attorney's fees for the trial and any appeal of this case, for all costs of Court on their behalf expended, for prejudgment and post-judgment interest as allowed by law, and for any other and further relief, either at law or in equity, to which they will show themselves justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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_aura Hinojosa

Greetings:

Attached you will find the service requested.

May this serve to inform you that service has been issued. Please proceed in attaching any file stamped documents that need to be served as stated on your issued service.

Please note, the link you are about to open is a "live link" notification. Please ensure you are printing the service which includes our clerk's signature and the State Seal. If you are opening a document without the official certifications (signature and seal) please close the window until the document is processed accordingly. This may take a few minutes.

*When serving protective orders, please DO NOT serve the TCIC form to respondent.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact our office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Laura Hinojosa

Hidalgo County District Clerk

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C-0199-17-J 430TH DISTRICT COURT, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

CITATION

THE STATE TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

Liberty Insurance Corporation Registered Agent: Corporation Service Company 211 East 7th Street Austin, Texas 78701

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m on the Monday next after the expiration of twenty (20) days after the date of service hereof, before the Honorable 430th District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas at the Courthouse, 100 North Closner, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

Said Petition was filed on this the 12th day of January, 2017 and a copy of same accompanies this citation. The file number and style of said suit being, C-0199-17-J, MANUEL VEGA, SYLVIA VEGA VS. LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION

Said Petition was filed in said court by Attorney Larry W. Lawrence, Jr., 3112 Windsor RD STE A234 Austin TX 78703.

The nature of the demand is fully shown by a true and correct copy of the petition accompanying this citation and made a part hereof.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at Edinburg, Texas on this the 17th day of January, 2017.

LAURA HINOJOSA, DISTRICT CLERK 100 N. CLOSNER, EDINBURG, TEXAS HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOEL CRUZ DEPUTY CLERK

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CERTIFICATE OF RETURN UNDER RULES 103 T.R.C.P.

This is to certify that on this the 17th day of January, 2017 I, Noel Cruz, Deputy Clerk of the 430th District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas mailed to the defendant in Cause Number C-0199-17-J, Manuel Vega, Sylvia Vega VS. Liberty Insurance Corporation a copy of the citation along with a copy of the petition by certified mail return receipt
requested. Return receipt was returned on the day of, 201 (or unserved for the reason on the certificate return)
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT , at office in Edinburg, Texas on this the 17th day of January, 2017.
LAURA HINOJOSA, DISTRICT CLERK HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
NOEL CRUZ, DEPUTY CLERK
COMPLETE IF YOU ARE PERSON OTHER THAN A SHERIFF, CONSTABLE OR CLERK OF THE COURT
In accordance to Rule 107, the officer or authorized person who serves or attempts to serve a citation must sign the return. If the return is signed by a person other than a sheriff, constable or the clerk of the court, the return must either be verified or be signed under the penalty of perjury. A return signed under penalty of perjury must contain the statement below in substantially the following form:
"My name is, my date of birth is, and I
declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
EXECUTED inCounty, State of Texas, on the day of, 20
Declarant"
If Certified by the Supreme Court of Texas Date of Expiration / SCH Number

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SYLVIA VEGA,	§	
Plaintiffs	§	
	§	
v.	§	430 th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
LIBERTY INSURANCE	§	
CORPORATION,	§	
Defendant	§	HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS

DEFENDANT LIBERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE

NOW COMES Defendant Liberty Insurance Corporation and files its Original Answer, and would respectfully show as follows:

I.

Defendant generally denies each and every allegation contained in Plaintiffs' Original Petition pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 92, and demands strict proof thereof by a preponderance of the credible evidence.

II.

Defendant reserves the right to invoke the policy's appraisal provision to resolve issues regarding the amount of loss.

III.

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiffs are requested to disclose and serve, within thirty (30) days of service of the Request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a) - (l). Plaintiffs shall supplement all disclosures pursuant to TEX. R. CIV. P. 193.5.

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IV.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant Liberty Insurance Corporation respectfully prays for a judgment that Plaintiffs take nothing, that Defendant recover all its costs, and that Defendant be granted all other relief, at law and in equity, to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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